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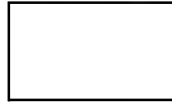
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1. From 9:30 a.m. to noon on 14 March 1953, there was no air activity at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. Weather was 10/10 overcast with heavy snow drifts and limited visibility. No aircraft or AA guns were observed at the field. The Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener-Neustadt was guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. A van-like truck was seen in a wooden shed in the yard of the installation about 30 meters east of Feldgasse. A wooden antenna mast which was believed to be extendable, was seen near the shed. Two lead-ins led from the antenna mast to the van-like truck in the shed. Sedan [redacted] was seen in the barracks yard. The telephone lines extending to the AA gun emplacements at the southern edge of the installation were newly laid by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets on poles of the public telephone system. Red, blue, green and black heavy telephone cables were being used. The barracks camp west of Wiener Neustadt was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Maintenance work on motor vehicles was being done at the camp. Trucks [redacted] were parked at the intersection of Guenser Strasse and Katzelsdorfer Strasse. Ten men wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen there.
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2. From 7:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. on 17 March, there was air activity by MiG-15s. The weather was fair with moderate southerly winds. Landings were observed at 8:10 p.m., 8:17 p.m., 8:26 p.m., 8:36 p.m., 8:44 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:05 p.m., 9:10 p.m., 9:16 p.m., 9:25 p.m., 9:32 p.m., 9:36 p.m., and 9:42 p.m. Source observed that three green lights were switched on for a short time by a MiG-15, which came in for a landing. Another MiG-15 showed a red light below the fuselage about in line with the cabin. The landing planes used landing lights. A searchlight which directed its beam horizontally and in a right angle to the runway was seen at the edge of the woods near the pyrotechnic plant in line with the flight control station. The landing aircraft touched ground in south-north direction in the beam of the searchlight. The two rows of spotlights north of the Wiener Neustadt - Bad Fischau highway and in the northeastern portion of the field were directing their red beams diagonally upward throughout the time of observation. All the landing MiG-15s came in for a landing between the four red spotlights at the southern edge of the installation.

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 Comment. Wiener Neustadt airfield was previously believed to be occupied by two fighter regiments. According to previous information, 13 unidentified aircraft were seen at the installation besides the usual MiG-15s on 17 March 1953. It is unknown, whether these planes were Pe-2s and whether they represented elements of the bomber regiment transferred from Aspern to Wiener Neustadt airfield.

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